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To: haroldcfrazier@yahoo.com
Subject: Upcoming public notice of EPA draft permits

Honorable Chairman Frazier:

I wanted to give you advanced notice that on Monday, March 6, 2017 EPA will be public noticing two draft Underground Injection Control (UIC) Area Permits and one associated proposed aquifer exemption decision for the Dewey-Burdock uranium in-situ recovery (ISR) site located near Edgemont, South Dakota. One draft permit is a UIC Class III Area Permit for injection wells for the ISR of uranium; the second draft permit is a UIC Class V Area Permit for deep injection wells that will be used to dispose of ISR process waste fluids into the Minnelusa Formation after treatment to meet radioactive waste and hazardous waste standards. The EPA is also proposing an aquifer exemption approval in connection with the Class III Area Permit to exempt the uranium-bearing portions of the Inyan Kara Group aquifers.

On Monday, additional information and links to the draft permits and aquifer exemption and associated documents will be provided to you and your Environmental Director and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer. We are seeking comments on these draft documents as well as EPA's proposed approach to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act. The comment period will be open until May 19, 2017, and EPA will hold four public hearings during that time which will include a public outreach session immediately prior to the hearings.

Information on how to provide comments and hearing dates/locations will be included in the information that you and your staff will receive on Monday. We will continue to provide inform and educate sessions for tribes who would like more information regarding these permits as well as formal consultation on the permits if requested. If you or your staff have any questions about the permits and/or next steps, please do not hesitate to contact me at 303.312.6392.

Sincerely,

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